

REMARKS

Applicant has now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of November 12, 2003. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Summary of the Office Action

Claim 7 has been allowed.

Claims 1-6 and 8-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kondo, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,914,819, hereinafter Kondo) in view of Kajikawa (U.S. Patent No. 4,950,862).

Comments/Arguments

Applicant appreciates and thanks the Examiner for recognizing the allowability of claim 7, and indicating the same. As there are no outstanding objections and/or rejections related to this claim, no further comment thereon is deemed necessary.

Claims 2-6 have been amended to depend from claim 7 and are therefore likewise allowable.

Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, claim 8 along with claims 9-12 that depend therefrom also define patentably over the prior art.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all the claims remaining in the application are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments and/or amendments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

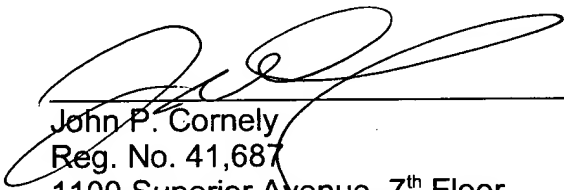
In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call the below signed at the telephone number listed.

Respectfully submitted,

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